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1. IN ABSENCE ON LEAVE OF SENIOR GOK MFA UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS OFFICER, DCM CALLED SEPT 12 ON HIS DEPUTY, JASSIM AL-FOUZAN AND DISCUSSED EVERY ISSUE IN PARA 7 REFTEL WITH EXCEPTION OF SUB-PARA (H), INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. DCM SET ENTIRE DISCUSSION IN CONTEXT OF STRONG USG DESIRE TO SEE 31ST UNGA MAKE USEFUL, REASONABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOLUTION OF SUCH MAJOR ISSUES, AND AVOID EMPTY RHETORIC AND PROPAGANDA.

2. FOUZAN DISPLAYED SOLID GRASP OF ALMOST ALL ISSUES RAISED, AND OF RESULTS OF COLOMBO NAC IN THIS RESPECT. WHILE HE EXPRESSED LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE REACTION TO DCM'S STATEMENTS, THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF POINTS FOUZAN MADE:

A. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT RECENT PAST SESSIONS HAD INDEED GENERATED MORE HEAT THAN LIGHT, AND WISHING 31ST UNGA WOULD BREAK THIS PATTERN, FOUZAN PREDICTED COMING SESSION WOULD BE HOT ONE, ESPECIALLY ON SUBJECT OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.

B. HAVING LISTENED TO PRESENTATION ON ZIONISM AS RACISM

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WITH COMPLETE POKER FACE, FOUZAN CAREFULLY AVOIDED AGREEING

OR DISAGREEING WITH DCM'S STATEMENT THAT DECLARING ZIONISM TO BE RACISM IS EQUIVALENT TO DECLARING APPLES TO BE ORANGES. FOUZAN STATED AS UNCHALLENGEABLE FACT HIS BELIEF THAT VERY LARGE MAJORITY OF STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO ENDORSE FORMULA OF RES. 3379. HE DID NOT REACT TO EXPRESSION OF USG DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN DECADE FOR ACTION, BUT ONLY IF DESIGNATION OF ZIONISM AS RACISM IS NOT INCLUDED.

C. ON CYPRUS AND WESTERN SAHARA, FOUZAN STATED OPINION THAT PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED SHOULD BE LEFT TO WORK OUT SOLUTIONS, ENCOURAGED BY SUCH GOOD OFFICES AS MIGHT BE AVAILABLE, BUT WITHOUT OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

D. RE HUMAN RIGHTS, UN BUDGET, AND UN RESTRUCTURING, FOUZAN SAID HE WAS SURE GOK SHARES USG OBJECTIVES.

3. FOUZAN EXPRESSED GOK DESIRE THAT ITS UNGA DELEGATION AND USDEL SHOULD CONSULT TOGETHER CLOSELY. AT FOUZAN'S REQUEST WE ARE SENDING HIM SUMMARY TALKING POINTS FROM REFTEL FOR HIS USE IN BRIEFING SUPERIORS IN MINISTRY.
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